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New Chairperson and New Members of Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee Appointed

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Mitchell Sanders Assumes Top CCAC Post

Washington — The United States Mint today announced that the Secretary of the Treasury has appointed Mitchell Sanders of Rochester, New York, as Chairperson of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) effective October 26, 2005.

Mr. Sanders holds a B.A. in Political Science and Mathematics from Duke University and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Rochester, and currently works as a research scientist in Rochester, New York. A member of the American Numismatic Association (ANA), the American Numismatic Society, the Rochester (NY) Numismatic Association, the Latin American Paper Money Society and the U.S. Mexican Numismatic Association, he has written a column for beginning coin collectors in the ANA's Numismatist since 2003.

Sherl Joseph Winter of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, also has been appointed to the CCAC. Mr. Winter fills the vacancy on the CCAC created by the expiration of the term of Daniel Altshuler. Mr. Winter, whose four—year term on the CCAC will expire in October 2009, was selected through public outreach as the CCAC member specially qualified in medallic arts or sculpture.

Mr. Winter worked as a sculptor–engraver at the United States Mint at Philadelphia from 1972 until 1988, and served as Acting Chief Engraver of the United States from mid–January to mid–July 1981. Mr. Winter designed the reverse of the 1986 Statue of Liberty Half–Dollar, the reverse of the 1988 U.S. Olympic Silver Dollar and many historic medals. Since leaving the United States Mint, he has owned his own art studio in Philadelphia, working with many private mints in the design and execution of more than 300 medals, as well as numerous commissioned sculptures. He holds a B.F.A. and an M.F.A. from the University of Pennsylvania.

John K. Alexander of Cincinnati, Ohio, has also been appointed to the CCAC. Dr. Alexander fills the vacancy on the CCAC created by the resignation of Robert Remini. Dr. Alexander, whose four–year term on the CCAC will expire in October 2009, was selected through public outreach as the CCAC member specially qualified in American history.

A Professor of History and Distinguished Teaching Professor at the University of Cincinnati, Dr. Alexander holds a B.S. from Western Oregon University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in History from the University of Chicago. A university professor for more than three decades, Dr. Alexander has published three books, written widely for numerous history publications and served as one of the Associate Editors of the American National Biography project. Dr. Alexander is a member of the American Association of University Professors, the Organization of American Historians, the Associates of the Institute of Early American History and Culture, and he chaired the 2003–2004 Teaching Award Committee of the Ohio Academy of History.

Established by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to an Act of Congress in 2003, the CCAC advises the Secretary on theme and design proposals relating to circulating coinage, bullion coinage, Congressional Gold Medals, and national and other medals produced by the United States Mint. The CCAC also makes commemorative coin recommendations to the Secretary and advises on the events, persons, or places to be commemorated, as well as on the mintage levels and proposed designs. The CCAC submits an annual report to Congress and the Secretary describing its activities and providing recommendations.

The Congressional leadership recommends candidates for four of the CCAC member positions to the Secretary of the Treasury. The Secretary fills seven additional positions through an open application process. The Secretary exercises direction and authority over the CCAC. The United States Mint is responsible for providing the necessary administrative support, technical services and advice to the CCAC.

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